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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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National Book Trust
Patil Shri Bheemrao Baswanthrao

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Book Trust (NBT) has launched a new scheme under which it would publish the first work of women authors in English or any of the Indian Languages mentioned in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the NBT has issued any advertisements for the same;
(d) if so, the details thereof along with any other schemes which promote writing among all genders; and
(e) the steps taken by the Government to encourage writing amongst women in rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) : Yes Madam.
(b) to (e): The Scheme for Promotion of the Young Women Writers has been advertised by NBT in 28 dailies of national level in 2 languages (Hindi and English) on 13.10.2016, inviting submission of manuscripts by 10.11.2016. The scheme invites proposals from young women writers below 40 years of age including those from rural areas in any of the 22 Indian languages recognized by the Constitution, for further selection and publishing by NBT.
Besides, NBT is mandated to publish good reading material for the general reader of all ages from the writers of all genders. Therefore, in its regular publishing programme, manuscripts authored/written by women are included and published by NBT under its various series such as Women Pioneers, Nav Lekhan Mala, Aadan Pradan, India-the Land and the People, Young India Library, Popular Science, etc.
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